

Trinity Lutheran Church

October, 2013

Newsletter

October Happenings

October 6th - Donut Sunday, 9:30 - 11:30 AM on the lawn between 17 and 25 Knight Ave. At that time we will also be hosting an open house for both the pantry and the clothing closet. Come and check us out!

October 12th - WORK DAY begins at 8 am. Come, join us!

October 12th - 3:00 PM, Oktoberfest at the Lutheran Home. See Sandy Pagano for tickets following the 11:15 am Service.

October 13th - PANTRY DAY, 2013, the day we target our annual financial drive for Trinity's food pantry.

October 19th - WORK DAY begins at 8 am. Come, join us!

October 20th - Youth Group Chick-Fil-A Calendar Fund Raiser

October 26th - Youth Group Halloween Party





Ah, the month of October. Chilly nights and the falling of colorful leaves. Haystacks, pumpkins and mums. The costumes and candy of Halloween. The commemoration of the beginning of the Reformation by a German Monk in the festival of Reformation Sunday.

It is to this last image of October that I write about this month. With Confirmation classes in full swing as if they were a warm-up to this grand festival. For those who do not remember their lessons from confirmation - to those who may have come to us from other traditions without the legacy of Confirmation, I would inform you of what we do on Monday evenings during this two year program.

The program is based upon Luther's Small Catechism, which is an authoritative statement of what Lutheran's believe and as such is included in the Book of Concord, which is a collection of documents that are the core doctrine of the Lutheran understanding of faith.

The Small Catechism was written to be used in the home by the head of the household to help teach and strengthen the faith of the children. It covers seven areas of faith; Baptism, Confession, Communion, the Office of the Keys, The Ten Commandments, The Apostle's Creed and The Lord's Prayer.

The Ten Commandments, The Lord's Prayer and The Life of Discipleship are taught in the seventh grade class. The rest of the Small Catechism as well as further instruction of The Life of Discipleship are taught in the eighth grade class.

It has been forty years since I read my first copy of The Small Catechism as a Confirmand. I read it again in college when I was asked to help with my church's Confirmation program (I was not a weekly teacher, but helped out in certain classes and some field trips). The Small Catechism was required reading in Seminary. Again while working on my second master's degree from the seminary I took a course on sixteenth century confessions which once again led me to the Small Catechism. Keep in mind that I refer to the Small Catechism regularly while teaching Confirmation.

At this point I could probably refer to myself as an expert on the Small Catechism. Yet, I am always learning something new. I am always excited to find some new piece of information about a subject that I am interested in, especially if it is a subject in which it appears I have learned all there is to know.

As you may know, I love history and enjoy reading about it. The Lutheran Archives Center for the Northeast region is located at the Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia. They collect historical information about churches here in the Northeast. They publish a newsletter that keeps pastors informed about the archives as well as printing stories about the history of the churches in our region culled from the journals, letters and documents that they have collected. Recently there was a two part article about the churches in Maine. In the article it was mentioned that in reference to Gloria Dei (Old Swedes Church) in Philadelphia.. "Its roots began in a log church on Tinicum Island (located about 1200 yards south of the main runway of the Philadelphia International Airport). This church along the Delaware River was used for Lutheran services by a missionary to Indians, Johannes Campanius. His translation of Luther's Small Catechism was the first book of any kind published in the Algonquin (or any Indian) language"[\[1\]](#)

I found it interesting to know that a Lutheran Pastor was the first to translate a book into a Native American Language and further that the book was Luther's Small Catechism. As we approach this celebration of the 496th anniversary of the Reformation, let us take some pride in our heritage of reclaiming the scriptures in the lives of believers and making the faith available to all who would believe.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Andy

[\[1\]](#) Rotvig, Roger *Lutherans in Maine*, Archives Advocate published by The Lutheran Archives Centers of the Northeast Region, Vol. 2 No. 14, Advent 2012, p. 2.

SERMON PREVIEWS:

Oct. 6 - PENTECOST 20 - HOLY COMMUNION
Sermon: **"NO THANKS!"**
Luke 17:5-10

Oct. 13 - PENTECOST 21-**PANTRY SUNDAY**
HOLY COMMUNION - 10:00 AM
BAPTISMS/SHARE SUNDAY
Sermon: **"THE COMPETENT CHRISTIAN"**
II Timothy 2:8-15

Oct. 20 - PENTECOST 22 - HOLY COMMUNION
JUNIOR CHOIR
Sermon: **"THE BREATH OF GOD"**
II Timothy 3:14-4:5

Oct. 27- **REFORMATION DAY**
HOLY COMMUNION - Senior Handbells
Sermon: **"A REFORMATION OF TIME
AND FAITH"**
Joel 2:23-32

Nov. 3 - **ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**
HOLY COMMUNION
Sermon: **"LETTERS FROM HEAVEN"**
Ephesians 1:11-23

Nov. 10 - PENTECOST 25 - BAPTISMS
HOLY COMMUNION - 10 A.M.
Sermon: **"WHO'S 'WIFE' IS IT ANYWAY?"**
Luke 20:27-38

Nov. 17 - PENTECOST 26 - JR. CHOIR
HOLY COMMUNION
Sermon: **"IT'S NOT OVER YET!"**
Luke 21:5-19

Nov. 24 - **CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY**
HOLY COMMUNION - SR. BELLS
Sermon: **"CHRIST, THE CENTER OF OUR WORLD"**
Colossians 1:11-20



Back to Back Work Days

OCTOBER 12TH & 19TH

Join us at 8:00 a.m.
On the agenda: Yard Work - Painting -
Cleaning and Light Replacement

If you plan to attend, please call

856-939-4411

**Sign in the front yard of a funeral
home:**

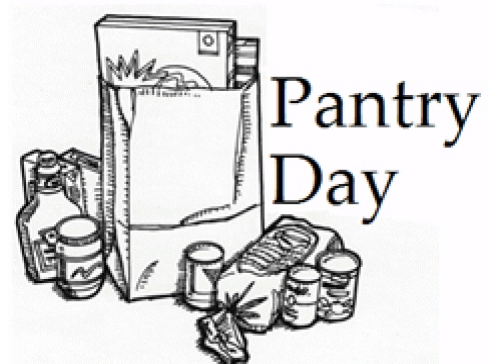
**"DRIVE CAREFULLY.
WE'LL WAIT."**

Oktoberfest

Saturday, October 12th

Lutheran Care at Moorestown
255 E. Main Street, Moorestown, NJ

See Sandy Pagano for tickets after 11:15
a.m. Service.



October 13th,
the day we target our annual financial drive
for Trinity's food pantry.

Power A Prayer

PRAYER CIRCLES

Trinity has been blessed to have a number of individuals who serve the Lord in prayer for various people and their needs.

Members of the congregation call Pat Schmidt with people and concerns about a myriad of topics. Pat then calls each prayer circle leader who in turn call members of their circle. Occasionally Pastor Andy shares concerns about which he is familiar.

Presently we have four circles. Both men and women participate. There are some circle members who prefer to receive their requests on their answering machine so that they may begin praying for the people and situations as soon as they get home from work.

For those participating in a Prayer Circle, the call is received and then passed on as quickly as possible with no other conversation taking place. Each call is prefaced with the phrase "This is a Prayer Circle call." After the message is received, the recipient takes a few minutes to pray for the person and situation described. Then the call is made to the next person in the circle. Calls are made between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. unless there is an extreme emergency. Calls are not made during the night.

Many people continue to remember the person for whom prayers have been requested throughout the day. Each participant is truly concerned for the opportunity afforded to share the healing ministry of Jesus in this way.

From time to time the prayers are offered for persons who would like us to bring their own particular concern before the throne of God. These same people give permission for their full name to be used. (Usually we do not know more than a first name, age and the reason for prayer.)

If you care to become a part of this ministry, complete the information below and return this sheet to the church office or Pat Schmidt. Questions may be directed to Pat at (856) 939-4411.



I would like to become a part of a Prayer Ministry at Trinity Lutheran Church

My name is _____ Phone # _____

Address: _____

Please return this form to the church office by October 20th.



How quickly time passes – It seems just a short time ago that it was Holy Week and Easter Sunday.

Now fall has arrived – it's my favorite season – warm days/cool nights - the colors of fall – a “true gift from the Lord”.

We had a work day September 14th – although a small turn out – we thank and appreciate everyone who made it out that day.

We got a lot accomplished . . .

Flower beds were weeded and cleaned and the bushes were trimmed around the church.

The shed doors had their finish coat applied and look good again.

Our property now looks terrific.

Note: Our azaleas have a disease and need to be replaced.

In addition we have a family of squirrels living in the back of 25 Knight Avenue. As of this report 3 of them have been trapped and released to a “secret location” – *Squirrel Paradise*. The holes in the house will be sealed.

During the summer months we had a plumber come in and replace two of the drains in the kitchen with new and all metal drain lines have been upgraded to ABS Plastic – no more rusty drain pipes.

Also, the kitchen floor mats have been cleaned and sanitized (this was a little overdue).

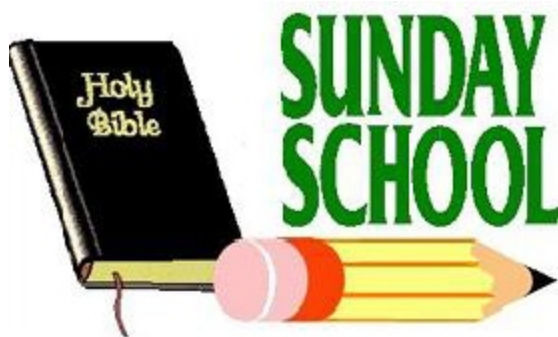
COMING UP . . . BACK TO BACK Work Days – October 12th and 19th.
On the agenda - Yard Work – Painting – Cleaning – Lamp Replacement

Mark your calendars. If you plan to attend, please call 856-939-4411.

Thank you for helping to keep our church home a place we can be proud of.

“So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him.”

2 Corinthians 5:9



“Have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives’ tales; rather, train yourself to be godly. For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come. This is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance. That is why we labor and strive, because we have put our hope in the living God, who is the Savior of all people, and especially of those who believe. Command and teach these things. Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.” 1 Timothy 4:7-12 (NIV).

Paul writes to Timothy in his first letter, giving him instructions for living his life. He encourages Timothy to reject “myths and wives’ tales”, while learning God’s truth. This truth holds promise for life, present and to come. As Christians we labor and strive in this life because our hope is in the living God; Jesus Christ. Paul further instructs Timothy not to be concerned when people look down on him because he is young, but set himself as an example to others “in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity”. We need to encourage our young people to be bold in their faith, not letting anyone make them feel insecure to do so. One way we can help is to be bold in our own faith as an example to them. We need to be enabled in our faith before all men; seeking to experience the power of the gospel in our own soul, and to bring forth its fruits in our life.

Our new Sunday School year started off on September 8th with a Rally Day celebration, “To Be One with God is to Love Others”. We had one craft for the younger students, “Promises from God”, and another one for the older students, “Sun Catcher Cross”. Our party included balloons and ice cream. There were 62 students and 17 teachers in attendance. At the end students were promoted and met their new teachers. As part of our celebration nearly 300 copies of the Faith Guide; “12 Reasons To Be an Active Church Member” were handed out to the congregation.

Again this year our Sunday School Missionary Outreach Program is collecting funds for Cathedral Kitchen. We are continuing to use “\$3.00 dime folders” as a way of encouraging our students and the parents to contribute. Once filled please return them to your teacher. If you would like you could fill more than one dime folder or give a cash or check donation. It would greatly be appreciated if members of the congregation would make donations as well. Cathedral Kitchen has been serving meals to the poor and hungry of Camden for over three decades. The people who come to the Kitchen to eat are among the poorest residents of the city: the homeless, the jobless, those with disabilities or addiction problems, the working poor.

I would like to thank those who have made a donation to Sunday School as a memorial for Kaitlyn Lutz. We will be looking into using the donations as a lasting memorial at Trinity. I would like to extend my deepest sympathy to her family and friends, and be mindful that our Lord is faithful to us through all things.

In Jesus’ name,
Carl Nagel



Junior Choir Notes



October 20th will be the first time the Junior Choir will be singing for this 2013-2014 season. For our opening song we will be singing *"The Joy of the Lord."* A peppy song of strength and caring, it has a message for all of us.

The number of children in the Junior Choir is smaller than in previous years. While we welcome Gus Ciuffo to our group, we would be happy to see more girls and boys in grades 1 through 6 join us. We rehearse just 15 minutes each Sunday morning from 9:45-10 a.m. Children can then go directly to their Sunday School classrooms. We sing on the third Sunday of each month from October through May, Thanksgiving morning and Christmas Eve. Be sure to share our information with some child or children you know.

The third Sunday of November we will be singing, *"Soon and Very Soon"* with a super message for young and old.

Many thanks to Mrs. Susan Dilks for accompanying us while Mr. Kraemer is traveling with his daughter to her soccer games with her team members from the U.S. Navy Military Academy. He will be back for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

We also are so appreciative of the time and effort two of our young women, Emilee Schipske and Kenna Brockway, are spending with the Junior Choir children to assure them being robed and ready for rehearsal and singing.

Have a beautiful fall season and follow us as we sing each month!

Love to all,
Mrs. Schmidt



Serving God By Serving Others

Once again we turn the page on the calendar and cooler weather is upon us. And with October brings new events for our Youth Ministry.

There will be a Youth Planning meeting at 11:15 am on Sunday, October 6th in the 8th grade Sunday School room. We will be discussing the upcoming events for November and December. All parents of youth in grades 6 thru 12 are encouraged to attend these meetings.

After the meeting, we have our first outing of the year. We are going bowling at the Brunswick Zone in Deptford from 1-3 pm. We have reserved 4 lanes for any youth in grades 6 thru 12 interested in joining us. We also extend the invitation to anyone from the Young Adult Ministry to join us. Cost is \$9 for shoe rental and bowling.

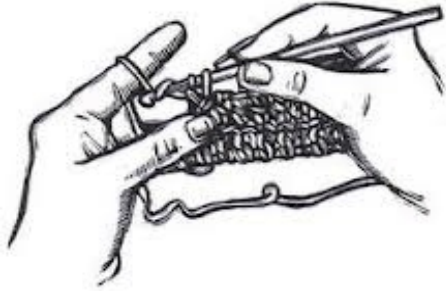
The Octoberfest at the Lutheran Home in Moorestown is Saturday, October 12th. We need 4 youth to help out with this event. This does count as a service event for any of our youth in Confirmation Classes. If you're not familiar with the Lutheran Home in Moorestown, this is a way to not only provide a service but learn about the facility.

For one of our fundraisers this year, we are selling Chick-fil-A calendars. They are 2014 calendars and the cost is \$6. Instead of the usual monthly coupons for the sandwich or dessert, they have replaced them with a card that you swipe when you visit the store. This would make a great Christmas present or even a birthday present. They will be for sale starting Sunday, October 20th between services. We only have 100 of them, so be sure to get yours early!

We will have our next Youth Meeting on Sunday, October 20th from 12:30 to 2 pm. This will be a board game day along with fellowship and light refreshments. Then on Saturday, October 26th, we will have our annual Halloween Party from 7 to 9:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. There will be fun and games for all who attend.

And one last note. The next Contemporary Service will be Sunday, October 13th at 11:15 am. We encourage all youth to attend this service and possibly get involved with any future Contemporary Service. This is just another way for you to get involved with the church and hopefully continue to grow in Christ.

In His name,
Sherry Stroup
Youth Ministry Advisor



Prayer Shawl Ministry

With the loss of our friend and member Sally Miller, we opened our 9/6/13 meeting with heavy hearts. Sally was a member of our ministry from its beginning 10/23/09. We bonded quickly as a working group, having fun while accomplishing so much for our Lord. Sally had this infectious smile and impish grin that just won your heart. She loved making our shawls and blankets and, when in doubt, our friend Barbara was always there to assist her. She was a valuable member who added so much to the fun and friendship we all shared. How blessed we are having shared the past 4 years with a "crocheting angel." Peace be with you, dear friend.

Our meeting started at 10:10 am. We shared the Lord's Prayer as our opening blessing. Members in attendance were Barbara Anconetani, Beverly Bethany, Ann Carter, Val Colasuonno, Jean Krips, Dolores Keller, Carolyn Lunn, and Mary Raws.

We logged in 8 prayer shawls and 1 Baptismal blanket. Dolores reported she had given a prayer shawl to her granddaughter, Savannah Harrow.

Our Vice President Sally Miller (now deceased) had a project in the works she was very excited about. Aside from our normal activities of making shawls and blankets, she had members making various items (hats, scarves, etc.) for this special project. This project was started by Sally and close to her heart. We now discussed how we would distribute these items to her liking. We decided, on Sunday, November 3rd, the items will be available to church members after each service. Each member may choose one item, while the supply lasts. If there are items left, they will be distributed at a later date. So keep in mind, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD -- IN MEMORY OF SALLY MILLER.

Our Corresponding Secretary Barbara Anconetani read the following letters we received: "**The Prayer Shawl Ministry**, Thank you very much for the prayer shawl and your prayers of comfort. The body of Christ praying for one another, even when you can't put a face with the name, pleases our Father and brings glory to Him. In His Name Audrey Blanzole (The Family of Florence E. Haines) " **Dolores and Friends**, I wanted to thank you so much for the beautiful breast cancer blanket that you made. It is such a thoughtful and kind gesture that you and the church make these wonderful and comfy blankets. I can definitely use it during my recovery. I know the warmth of the blanket and prayers will help with my recovery. Thank you so much! Sincerely, Amy Wark."

Baptismal Historian Mary Raws reported 1 baptism on Sunday, September 8th and 3 scheduled for October.

New Business: The Trinity Ministry Fair is September 29th after services. Members who volunteered to help with our table were Dolores, Mary, Barb, Ann and Bev. Our sister act, Mary and Dolores have once again reorganized our storage. Thanks to other ladies who helped. What a fab group!

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 am. Next meeting October 13th at 10 am.

Until We Meet Again, May God Hold You in the Palm of His Hand.

Carolyn Lunn
President PSM



Feeding the Community

SOCIAL CONCERNS

As you have just received this newsletter today, we hope you stopped over to enjoy some coffee and donuts and visit our pantry and clothing closet. Great things are happening there and it's all because of you, our congregation, and your support

We will continue to have Pantry and Clothing Closet days during the fall. We need the following:

Pasta, cereal, canned vegetables, peanut butter, jelly, crackers, tuna fish, soup, Mac & Cheese, juice, pancake mix, syrup, paper towels, toilet paper, napkins.

Any clothing items dropped off need to be clean and stain-free. The Clothing Closet is open to anyone. We have a large selection of gently use and a few new clothes. Help stretch your budget and give some of our clothing a new home.

**WHEN BAGGING UP YOUR USED CLOTHING
PLEASE DON'T OVER-STUFF THE BAGS.**

The volunteers who carry, sort and organize the clothing cannot carry the bags into the house when they are too heavy. They would really appreciate it if you could divide the heavy bags into two more manageable bags. Thank you VERY MUCH.

In November we will be having our Harvest Home collection. Our Turkey will be arriving on November 3rd and all hams and canned goods will be due back by November 24th.

October is our Pantry Month. Pat Schmidt will be doing a Temple Talk on October 13th about all that's involved in our ministry.

Some dates to remember:

October 6 th	Fall Donut Sunday and Open House.
October 24 th	Pantry/Clothing Closet, 9-11 AM or 6-7PM
November 3 rd	Turkey and Thanksgiving table
November 10 th	Social Concerns Meeting 11:15
November 24 th	Pack Thanksgiving Baskets
December 1 st	Angel Tree
December 22 nd	Pack and distribute Christmas Gifts and Baskets

New members are always welcome. We meet on the second Sunday of the month following the 11:15 service. Please come out and join us. Remember God loves a cheerful giver. You will love the fellowship and the great feeling you get from helping others.

1 Corinthians 15:58

“ Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.”

Caring and Sharing
Cheryl Morris



Lutheran Care at Moorestown

The Lutheran Home Auxiliary met at 11 a.m., Thursday, September 12th. We had our business meeting with devotions by Pastor Jack followed by a great potluck luncheon.

Pastor Jack spoke about 9/11, stating that Osama Bin Laden brought our nation to it's knees in prayer. On September 12th spiritual houses of worship were filled with people praying. Pastor stressed Psalm 46, encouraging us to allow the Lord to always be the anchor of our soul. God is our refuge and strength, an very present help in trouble.

The final total for June Day, 2013, is \$3,540.21. This figure includes a contribution of \$600 from Thrivent.

The Auxiliary also purchased additional pop up tents in order that all tables will have shade on June Day in future years.

A permit has been applied for to remodel older parts of the Home starting January, 2014. The State survey was very successful with only a few small things to correct. Lutheran Care is still awaiting Nipper, a therapy dog from the Seeing Eye Organization.

The Moorestown Library comes to the Home to do a book club with residents. The book club will be doing biographies. One for example, will be the life of Walt Whitman.

Octoberfest is Saturday, October 12th from 4 to 6 p.m. \$14 for adults, \$7 for children 12 and under. The menu consists of: pork, bratwurst, hot dogs, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls and assorted cakes for dessert. This year there will be sale booths open at the festival from 3 p.m. on. The booths will have clothing, jewelry, books and various fall items for sale. There will also be German music. Trinity's youth will be helping to serve you dinner. Tickets may be purchased through Sandy Pagano after the 11:15 a.m. church service.

The Volunteer Appreciation luncheon will be held Thursday, November 14th. The luncheon is free and open to any who volunteer in any way at the Home. Please let me know if you plan to attend. Date for RSVP is October 28, 2013.

Needed are volunteers to help set up and break down the White Elephant table the 2nd Thursday of the month. Time commitment approximately 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. or any time you can offer during this time slot would be helpful.

Also needed are volunteers to accompany residents to birthday parties, holiday parties and trips.

Oct. 10 Auxiliary Meeting - 10 a.m.

Oct. 12 Shop the Octoberfest - 3 p.m. Octoberfest meals begin - 4-6 p.m.

Oct. 16 Brick Dedication, Dorothy Shockey - 2 p.m.

Oct. 17 Cracker Barrel - 11 a.m.

Oct. 29 Birthday Party - 12 noon

Oct. 31 Halloween Party - 12 noon

Nov. 14 Volunteer Luncheon - 11 a.m. RSVP by 10/28/13

I hope you enjoy the splendor of fall!

Sincerely,
Sandy Pagano

1 Cor. 15:58

Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.



Lutheran CARE
at Moorestown

THE AUXILIARY OF LUTHERAN CARE AT MOORESTOWN

Oktoberfest

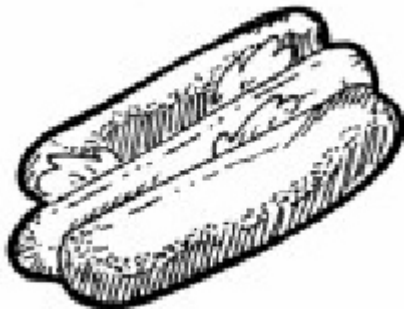
Saturday, October 12, 2013

SEATING TIMES:

4:00 PM • 5:00 PM • 6:00 PM

Lutheran Care at Moorestown Social Hall
255 East Main Street, Moorestown, NJ 08057

Tickets are available through your church representative. See SANDY PAGANO after the 11:15 am Service.



MENU

Pork . Bratwurst . Hot dogs
Sauerkraut . Mashed Potatoes
String Beans . Rolls
Homemade Cakes

Price: \$14 - Adult
\$7 - Children 12 and under



The Altar Guild is very sad to have lost a very important member, Sally Miller. Sally will always be remembered for her ever-present smile and her eagerness to serve. She seemed to have untiring energy when we all got together for spring or fall cleaning. Quite an inspiration and she will be greatly missed! Till we meet again.

In Christ's Service
Terry Paradise



HELP!

The Junior Handbell Choir needs ringers to continue ringing the bells.

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!

Grades 2 and up are welcome. We meet on Thursdays from 6:00-6:30 p.m.

Won't you join us?

Thank you

Dear Trinity Family,

We would like to thank all of our friends at Trinity and Pastor Andy for the cards, prayers and kind expression of sympathy following our granddaughter, Kaitlyn's death.

We are blessed to have a wonderful church family!!

With love in Jesus,
Paul & Dolly Gibelyou

CHANGE HAPPENS

When we tell ourselves "I can never change" or "That will never happen," we presume too much and believe too little. In Jesus Christ, God renders all of our final conclusions premature and all of our talk of determinism as simply bad faith. In Christ, God opens closed doors, brings resurrections, reveals possibilities, reclaims the lost, liberates the cursed and possessed, and changes the unchangeable.

—Don Shelby